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ALL LEADING TAIWAN NEWSPAPERS HAVE CARRIED REPORTS OF PLIGHT OF REFUGEES IN VIETNAM. ALL PAPERS APRIL 2 CARRIED REMARKS OF MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK AT DEDICATION OF AMERICAN WING OF CHENG HSIN REHABILITATION CENTER IN WHICH SHE REFERRED TO COVER OF MARCH 31 "NEWSWEEK" AS "THE GREAT RETREAT" AND DESCRIBED PLIGHT OF REFUGEES AS "A PATHWAY OF BLOOD AND A CONVOY OF TEARS." ENGLISH LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS (20,000) APRIL 1 EDITORIALLY SCORED NORTH VIETNAM FOR SHOWING NO MERCY FOR REFUGEES AND HAMPERING INTERNATIONALLY ORGANIZED EFFORTS TO MOVE THEM SOUTH. EDITORIAL DESCRIBED REFUGEES AS HAVING RISKED THEIR LIVES AND GIVEN UP THEIR PROPERTY TO ESCAPE COMMUNIST DOMINATION. THE KMT'S OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS (300,000) MARCH 31 ALSO DESCRIBED THE PLIGHT OF THE MORE THAN ONE MILLION REFUGEES AND DESCRIBED THEM AS RISKING THEIR LIVES FOR FREEDOM RATHER THAN LIVE

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UNDER COMMUNIST TYRANNY. PRESIDENT FORD'S DECISION TO

MOBILIZE SHIPS TO ASSIST EVACUATING REFUGEES WAS GIVEN
FRONT PAGE TREATMENT IN MAJOR PAPERS MARCH 31.
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